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Overseas Tours Increased For Some DOD Civilians

The Department of Defense has issued an order (DOD Instruction 1404.3) increasing tours of duty of certain civilian employees in overseas areas. In most areas the standard period of time or tour of duty has been 24 months.

As a result of the new regulations, the initial tour in most areas, such as throughout Europe and in Japan, will be increased to three years. Subsequent tours will be two years.

Similarly, a number of the 12 and 18-month areas have been increased to 18 and 24 months.

Employees currently serving overseas will not be affected until completion of current tour. Any subsequent tours they agree to serve will be in accordance with the new provisions.

The longer tours will provide for greater continuity of employment and should result in increased efficiency and in substantial economies.

The new provisions do not apply to experts and consultants, nor to DOD employees whose services are not required for the entire period of standard tours of duty.

AF Doubles FY66 Suggestion Goal

In an effort to more than double the rate of participation in the Military Suggestion Program, Air Force has set a FY66 goal twice that of 1965's objective of 15 percent.

Officials also hope to obtain at least the same rate of participation from military personnel as obtained from civilian employees, which was 38 percent during the past year, highest in the government.

Secretary of Defense Christmas Message

On this holiday, celebrated throughout the Christian world there is good cause for all men to pause and rededicate ourselves to "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

On behalf of the Department of Defense I wish for all of you and your families the joy and blessings of Christmas and health and prosperity for the coming year. May 1966 be a year in which the world moves closer to peace.

Robert S. McNamara

SOLEMN MOMENT—Hon. Graham A. Martin, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, accepts the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, with Palm, on behalf of his foster son, 1st Lt. Glenn Dill Mann, USMC, a helicopter pilot killed in action near Chu Lai, RVN. Making the presentation is Col. Pham Van Phu, Assistant Commander, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, 2nd Army Division.

Army Expands AIT for Infantrymen

The Army has expanded its Advanced Individual Training (AIT) for Infantry to include special orientation on operations similar to those encountered in the Republic of Vietnam.

The modified program, increased from 8 to 9 weeks at Ft. Gordon, Ga., and Ft. Polk, La., is an addition to the normal eight weeks of basic training. Selections for Infantry AIT will be made by Department of the Army.

Although AIT is oriented toward duty in Vietnam, officials said, needs of the Army will determine actual assignments. It is not expected that all who take the new training will be assigned to RVN.

The extra week of AIT permits a continuous five-day field problem to be conducted in a simulated Vietnamese combat environment.

All Army personnel being assigned to Vietnam now receive special training, including 16 hours of required orientation.

Washington Memos

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE has asked the Selective Service System to provide Armed Forces Induction Stations with 38,280 men for Army and Marine Corps in January 1966. This is nearly 2,000 less than amended December draft call but exceeds calls for any other month since 1953.

A CENTRALIZED ACTIVITY for training selected senior military and civilian personnel in the management of development, acquisition and integrated logistic support of weapon and support systems has been established by DOD. The Defense Weapon Systems Management Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, concentrates on providing immediate needs for additional trained project managers, stressing identification and solution of typical project management problems. Student quota of the 12-week course is shared equally by the three military departments, with six spaces used by other government agencies.

"THE PUBLIC IMAGE of The Government Servant" was discussed by Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris at the December luncheon of the Federal Management Conference. Secretary Morris noted that through new techniques, managerial progress has been achieved in industry and throughout DOD.

DELIVERY OF 452 ground power generator sets needed to support Air Force combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam has been accelerated through compression of procurement procedures and use of a unique multiple contract program.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT REPORTED $82 million gains in public holdings of Series E and H Savings Bonds in November. Cash sales during November totaled $338 million.

DEADLINE FOR FILING Federal Income Tax returns is April 15, but service members outside the United States and Puerto Rico on that date have until June 15. All returns must include name, service, serial number, social security number and permanent home address.

FIRST PERSON TO receive new Air Force-designed Distinguished Service Medal is Maj. Gen. Osmond J. Ritland, former Air Force Systems Command Deputy Commander for Space. The veteran test pilot was honored during his retirement ceremony at Andrews AFB, Md., for exerting a major influence on the nation's military and civilian space programs.

EXPERIMENTS TO DETERMINE the possibility of using Oxygen-Helium environments on long range space flights were concluded at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Tex., Dec. 13. Results of the tests, begun Oct. 4, have been satisfactory.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE at the semi-annual NATO Planning Board for European Inland Surface Transport meeting in Paris, France, Dec. 8-10, was Maj. Gen. John J. Lane, USA. Commander of the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, General Lane met with the standing and ad hoc committees studying European transportation. He also conferred with major U.S. commanders on overseas defense traffic management operations.

RECENT ARMY BRIGADIER General Selection board members were Lt. Gen. Edgar C. Doleman, board president, and Maj. Gens. Andrew J. Boyle, David P. Gibbs, Austin W. Betts and Selwyn D. Smith.

FREE MOVIES ARE provided U.S. forces at more than 300 outlets in the Republic of Vietnam by the Army-Air Force Motion Picture Service. AAFMPS serves 1,950 outlets in some 65 countries. Paid admissions in certain areas help provide free showings in other places including RVN and Dominican Republic.

AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS experts used common chicken wire to solve serious radar signal interference problems at two European airbases. They erected fences using the chicken wire to shield strong signal reflection areas.

FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE submarine USS Kamehameha (SSBN-642) was commissioned Dec. 10 1965, at Vallejo, Calif. Kamehameha is named for Hawaiian chief who first consolidated the islands and established stable government.

HOST COUNTRY FINLAND will invite the USSR to participate in the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire (CISM) Ski Week, March 7-14. This decision was reached at the 20th CISM General Assembly in Wiesbaden, Germany. If the Russians accept, they will be the first Communist bloc country to enter a CISM event.

AIR FORCE WILL conduct its final military suggestion contest in February, awarding three prizes, $500, $200 and $100. Contests are ending because recent legislation now authorizes payments from appropriated funds. Judging will be on entries already submitted for the FY66 contest and eligible suggestions adopted after June 30, but before Sept. 22.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION van, transmitting taped instruction to classrooms at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., will be in full operation by early 1966. The operation will also produce TV programs for use at other installations.

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON new Oakland Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., Dec. 7. The 650-bed hospital is scheduled for completion in 1968.

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Sec. McNamara States U.S. Objective in RVN

United States bombing of North Vietnam is designed to attack lines of communication over which North Vietnamese are infiltrating men and equipment into the South.

"I believe we should continue to emphasize that objective," Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said upon return to the United States from the RVN. He noted the U.S. has a limited objective in South Vietnam and restated:

"Our objective is not to destroy the Communist regime in North Vietnam. Our objective is to destroy the insurgency movement in South Vietnam, destroy the Viet Cong who are seeking to take away the independence of this nation. Our objective, therefore, is to preserve the independence of the nation."

The Secretary continued, "It is our plan, however, to both achieve the independence of this nation (RVN), or help it achieve its independence and help preserve it, whatever that may require.

"We do not seek to widen the war or extend the area of conflict," he added, "and that is why to date we have not bombed Haiphong Harbor."

10 FY65 Prime Contractors Hold 32.2% of U.S. Total

Ten companies which, with their subsidiaries, received the largest dollar volume of military prime contracts in FY65, accounted for 32.2 percent of the United States total.

Following is a list of the top 10 companies in accordance with the net value in millions of dollars of military prime contracts they received, and the percent of U.S. total:

Lockheed Aircraft Corp., $1,705.0, 7.1 percent; General Dynamics Corp., $1,178.6, 4.9 percent; McDonnell Aircraft Corp., $855.8, 3.5 percent; General Electric Co., $824.3, 3.4 percent; North American Aviation, Inc., $745.8, 3.1 percent; United Aircraft Corp., $632.1, 2.6 percent; American Telephone & Telegraph Co., $587.6, 2.4 percent; Boeing Co., $583.3, 2.4 percent; Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., $353.4, 1.5 percent; Sperry Rand Corp., $318.4, 1.3 percent.

Operation Christmas Star Concluded

American servicemen in the Republic of Vietnam will open more than 227 tons of packages representing the support of millions of Americans, during the holidays.

Continental Air Command officials said pickup of gifts in the giant civilian-military Operation Christmas Star ended Dec. 6 to assure delivery by Christmas. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard planes carried the packages to RVN for distribution by field commanders.

DISTINGUISHED CS AWARD—Mr. Thomas D. Morris, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) (right) reads the citation as he presents the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award to Mr. William Gorham who served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Studies and Requirements) from March 1962-November 1965.

1965 Military Academy Board Presents Report to President

President Johnson has received the 1965 report of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy, with comments from the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Defense concerning action planned to implement recommendations.

The Board recommended support of the Academy's plans for expansion to meet future needs, favorable action on its request for a $7.4 million deficiency appropriation for phase I of the plan, an increase in cadet pay and an increase in professors' pay to a level commensurate with pay at civilian institutions.

It further recommended that Secretary of the Army be empowered by law to grant credit for up to 21 years of commissioned service for pay and retirement purposes to distinguished educators offered permanent professorships at the Academy.

Army May Get Another Airmobile Div.

Impressed by the effectiveness of the 1st Air Cavalry Division (Airmobile) during his visit to RVN, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara indicated probability of adding another air cavalry division to the U.S. Army. He noted the degree which the concept of increased mobility and increased firepower on which that division is based has proven out. The new airmobile division would not necessarily be for duty in RVN, but would be available for use there.

U.S. to Continue OAS Commitment

In a message delivered by Secretary of State Rusk, President Johnson told the Rio Conference of the Organization of American States that the United States will be prepared to extend mutual commitments beyond the time foreseen in the charter of Punta Del Este.

Pledging to help all American countries meet goals of the alliance, President Johnson said he recognized fulfillment of those goals would require continuation of the joint effort beyond 1971.

He said the United States' effort would be determined in light of progress made by then and contributions the other countries would be able to make by that time.

Alaskan Exercise Set

Exercise Polar Sweep, a combined Alaskan Command winter field training and command post exercise, is scheduled for January 1966 in interior Alaska. Units of the Alaskan Air Command; U.S. Army, Alaska; U.S. Strike Command; Military Air Transport Service and elements of the Canadian Army and Air Force will take part.

ROUGH SWIMMER — Ens. Theodore Roosevelt IV, USN, carries a big stick upon graduation from Underwater Demolition Training, San Diego, Calif. His great-grandfather was the 26th President of the U.S. and his grandfather, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., USA, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in the 1944 Normandy invasion.

Transportation Contest

A $1,000 essay competition for college students, sponsored by the National Defense Transportation Association, is hoped to stimulate interest of entrants in transportation's vital role in peacetime economy and its contributions to national defense.

Air Defense Command Changes Reporting System

Active headquarters battalions of 10 Army Air Defense Command defenses will be replaced by group headquarters Jan. 1, 1966.

The reorganization will simplify command without requiring additional manpower. Commanders of missile batteries will report to one defense (area) commander. They now report to two—at battalion and defense level.

Areas where changes will be made are Hampton Roads, Va., Niagara-Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati-Dayton, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Dallas-Fort Worth, Kansas City, Lincoln-Offutt, Seattle and St. Louis.

Each affected defense area has from three to four Nike Hercules missile batteries. Seven defenses are active Army and National Guard fire units.

In effect, the new group commander, a colonel, will be given the headquarters staff of the old battalion. Battalion headquarters and headquarters battery will be reduced, on paper, to "zero" strength.

Air Defense artillery groups within Army Air Defense Command, Army's component of North American Air Defense Command, will be increased from seven to 17.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. David E. McGiffert appointed Under Secretary of the Army. **Mr. Charles F. Baird** nominated by the President for Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management) succeeding **Mr. Victor H. Longstreet. RAdm. Pierre N. Charbonnet** assigned Commander, Eighth Naval District succeeding **RAdm. Charles H. Lyman III. Maj. Gen. T. C. Bedwell Jr.** assigned Assistant to the Surgeon General of the Air Force. **Brig. Gen. Donn R. Pepke, USA**, assigned Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations. **Brig. Gen. Walter B. Bess** assigned Commanding General, U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command, Europe. **Maj. Gen. Brooke E. Allen, USAF**, will assume post of Executive Director, National Aeronautic Association, Jan. 1, after retiring from active duty. **Col. Robert B. Shira, USA**, elected president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons. President Johnson has selected **Dr. Finn J. Larsen** to succeed **Dr. E. G. Fubini** as Principle Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Calif.: $12,674,886 cost-plus-incentive-fee contract for research and development on TOW guided missile system. **(Army)**

Hardaway Contracting Co., Columbus, Ga. and Sam Finley, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.: $15,587,205 fixed-price contract for work on Lock and Dam No. 8, Arkansas River and Tributaries Project. **(Army)**

Western Electric Co., Inc., New York, N.Y.: $7,110,378 contract for FY66 engineering services for Nike Hercules. **(Army)**

Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.: $17,241,177 contract modification for propellants. **(Navy)**

U.S. Rubber Co., New York, N.Y.: $13,364,503 contract modification for explosives and for reactivation and support of Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, Joliet, Ill. **(Army)**

Lockheed-Georgia Co., Marietta, Ga.: $22 million first increment to contract for production of C-141 StarLifters through 1968. **(Air Force)**